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Following are points from President-Brandt talks in Florida exclusively for your information and background and not for direct use with Germans.

1. The President throughout placed heavy stress on need for alliance cohesion and closest consultation on matters of common concern when these are negotiating topics with Soviets. Brandt concurred.
2. Brandt gave President detailed account of his talks and impressions during his visit to the USSR last year. He recounted in particular Brezhnev's fears and resentments of the Chinese.
3. On Berlin agreement and German eastern treaties, the President stressed our satisfaction with former but made clear that ratification of latter was issue solely for Germans in which we would not inject ourselves. Brandt intimated that in the course of ratification debate he might refer to fact that there had been close consultations with Western allies. Apart from that he agreed with President's line.
4. Both leaders agreed that MBFR must be treated with utmost care. The President stressed that reductions must not hurt the alliance. He also welcomed European contributions to NATO military strength.
5. In discussion of EEC the President warned of dangers of economic confrontation with US and welcomed Brandt's idea of organized US-EEC link. But Brandt noted French suspicions of this idea and President said he was aware of this. But the President emphasized dangers of European protectionism and also stressed need for including Japan in any arrangements so that it would not feel isolated.
6. The President welcomed German activities in Africa noting in passing that British withdrawal from Caribbean potentially very dangerous.

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